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Watch and ward staff employed in the Government Press, Madras

* 35 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the system and particulars of the watch and ward staff employed in the Government Press, Madras?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Nine watchmen are employed in the Government Press in the scale of Rs. 20—1—30. Four of them are posted to guard the two entrances, three for the factory main gate and one for the office gate during the day. During the night, the office gate is closed and four watchmen are posted in two shifts, two for each shift, at the factory inner gate. The ninth watchman avails himself of a day off once a week.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Have there been of late any reports of cases of pilferage and the like in the Government Press, Madras?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: No. Not to my knowledge.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Have the Government considered the question of strengthening the watch and ward arrangements now that an additional shift has been introduced?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: With the introduction of the second shift, the necessity of putting extra men will be looked into.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE*: MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 12th February 1959, from the Governor of Madras:—

"Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have received with great satisfaction your Resolution of Thanks for the Address with which I opened the present Session of the Legislature."

Next item is Government Bills. We shall now take up the consideration of the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1958).

IV. GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS OPEN PLACES (PREVENTION OF DISFIGUREMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.C. BILL NO. 8 OF 1958).

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1958), as amended by the Joint Select Committee, be taken into consideration."